

BOYS FIND SMOKES A 'BIT OF HEAVEN'

One Soldier Says "Sun" Package Was "Better Than a Christmas Tree."

LETTER FROM THE HEART

Brilliant Stage Artists Continue to Do Their Bit in Providing Solace.

"This is to thank you for six packages of cigarettes received through the Sun Tobacco Fund," writes Sergeant R. T. Johnson of one of the machine gun batteries in France. "It surely was the best treat I have had in a long time."

"Twas better than a Christmas tree," declares Archie Guenon, Company E, 202d Engineers, briefly but with eloquence. As directly to the point is the word from Private C. K. Gordon of the Signal Corps:

"It was just a little bit of heaven—that's all." This message was made more forcible by the date line it bears, "1000 Miles from Home."

What greater satisfaction is it possible for the home folk to have than to be informed by such words as these? Who ever provides a treat that is "better than a Christmas tree," which gives the soldier a little bit of heaven? Is performing a splendid service for Uncle Sam.

Sounds Good Even in German.

It is a good card, too, which comes from Eber M. Allen of the Eighty-ninth Aero Squadron, who greets his benefactor as "Kainerad." Listen:

"Your long range tobacco gun scored a perfect hit, but it is very pleasant to be under such fire. I deeply appreciate the fact that you furnished the powder to carry the shot. We heard the report long before your fags dropped into our midst. May your aim be always as true."

There is no doubt that this message comes straight from the heart of Corporal Kenneth E. Jacobson of Company C, First Field Battalion, Signal Corps.

"Your box of smokes reached me to-day and it was a life saver to us all. We passed the cigarettes around so all of us could have a 'drag.' After a hard day's work you know what satisfaction a real smoke will give. So it is with us, and we hope that the smokes will keep on coming."

"A fellow will give almost anything for a smoke, and one boy had offered five bucks for a sack of tobacco."

No doubt, you are a smoker yourself," writes Private Joseph Jacobson of one of the infantry regiments, to a donor. "Imagine, then, my feelings when, after two months of waiting, your kind gift came along. I thank you most heartily for your contribution and hope the Sun will continue to spread joy in France."

Several cards are addressed to Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey who, having gone over the top and been wounded, came back to spread the gospel of patriotic service among the people. Here is what three of the fellows write him:

Owen O'Neill, M. R. C.:

"The comfort and satisfaction that the contents of your package will give you can appreciate from past experience. We thank you very much."

"Your book, 'Over the Top,' was great; your tobacco donation greater. Thank you!"

Boys Pin Faith on Sun Fund.

Sergeant-Major Donald D. Cox, Second Battalion, 168th Infantry:

"The tobacco that is received through the Sun Tobacco Fund from the people is surely a godsend to the boys over here. The boys get so they look for the allowance from the Sun Fund regularly."

As I suppose you know, Smoke, Fight and Eat is about all a man does when he is at the front. We are in support of one of our battalions and we are going over the line very shortly. Thank you!"

The Hotel Majestic's party for the Sun Tobacco Fund Saturday night, which will mark the opening of the Hurricane Deck's summer season, will start at the dinner hour, the fun and music continuing through the evening.

The attractive program has been arranged by Mrs. Samy, the charming hostess of the Deck, and Copeland Townsend, managing director of the Majestic.

Chief Joseph C. Stehlin, known as America's boy pilot, volunteered yesterday to appear and make a brief address to the dinner and after theatre crowds.

He will be received by a large delegation of Government officials to go out of the city. Lieut. Stehlin, who is only 22 years old, has a wonderful war record.

Joe Knows What Smokes Mean.

He went to France in January, 1917, and volunteered with the Lafayette Escadrille. Though the youngest member of that famous organization and the youngest American flier on the western front, he shot down six German planes, including the French War Cross, and was twice cited in the French command's official bulletins.

Recently Lieut. Stehlin flew over many cities in the New York State in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan campaign. He speaks almost as well as he fights, and no one knows better than he what tobacco means to the soldier.

Miss Lillian Russell is to arrive at the Majestic to-day, and it is expected that she will attend the fund party, making a short address for the cause. She is deeply interested in the smoke movement and has appeared at previous entertainments in its behalf.

Entertainers at the Majestic.

Among the other entertainers will be Miss Adeline Dore, singer, who is popular with the most discriminating Broadway audiences. Yet another is Miss Mabel Jones, singer and dancer, who also is a favorite, and who will render two of her greatest successes, "Hello, My Darling" and "Fancy You Posing Me," and Buddie, singer, musician, acrobat and facial contortionist, whose playing and antics always delight, also has a place in the list.

Mrs. Laura B. Prink, the Mother of National Flag Day, has arranged for the appropriate celebration to-morrow at Mount Morris Park. In directing the exercises she will have the assistance of the Harlem Patriotic League. One of the features will be a booth in which some of the old boys of '61 will sell tobacco for the boys of '18. The entire proceeds of the sale are to come to the Sun fund.

A band from the New York Navy Yard has volunteered its services for the block party, which is to be held next Wednesday night in Clinton street between Baltic and Harrison streets, Brooklyn. The offer was made yesterday, and naturally enough was received with enthusiasm by the young women in charge of the affair.

Following the announcement of the party in this Sun yesterday morning several persons in the neighborhood sent checks to Miss Mae Cunningham, 287 Clinton street, chairman of the arrangements committee, as a sort of earnest of what might be expected later. To this

committee of workers the names of Miss Anna Lacy, Miss Anna McEwen and Mrs. F. W. Hart have been added.

And here is a wonderful news for every fan of the Sun Tobacco Fund. Sophie Tucker is going to give another party as a benefit for this project. That entire talent will take place at the Shelburne Hotel, Brighton Beach, one evening in the week of July 1, when Miss Tucker and her Five Kings of Syncope are playing at the Brunswick Theatre, Brooklyn.

Miss Tucker voluntarily arranged shows for the Sun fund in half a dozen cities during her professional tour of the country last winter and sent in hundreds of dollars for soldiers' smokes. Since March she has been appearing in the Keith circuit theatres of Greater New York continuously, breaking the record for an uninterrupted engagement.

A few weeks ago at the Claridge Miss Tucker gave a smoke fund entertainment which will long be remembered with delight not only because of the extraordinarily attractive programme but because of its notable success financially.

As a nucleus for the programme are, of course, Miss Tucker herself and her band of clever musicians and acrobats, and in addition the entire cast of the "1918 Shelburne Girls," the new summer revue at this popular resort. Among these entertainers are Cleo Gascogne, Egyptian soprano; Ann La Troy, Egyptian soprano; Nick Varg, boy tenor; the Gosman Twins, song and dance artists; and Schrode and Harris, animal artists, not to mention the chorus of twenty beautiful girls.

Among the letters which came to the fund yesterday was the following:

"Please accept the enclosed check for \$2.50 to help buy smokes for our soldier boys. It is sent from a club of little girls called the Wigwag Girls, and they hope it will help."

The letter was signed by Edith H. Wild, the guardian of the Wigwag Girls.

The Right Kind of a Dollar.

From Miss Evelyn K. Rock of 168 Bonnell street, Bridgeport, Conn., came this:

"I am enclosing \$1 to give some of our men over there a few smokes. I hope to be able to contribute more in the near future. They deserve it."

It makes the smoke fund's heart ache to be obliged to answer in the negative telephone calls which run like the following:

"You help me send cigarettes and smoking tobacco over to my husband (brother, father, sweetheart, friend), who writes me that he is simply sick for smokes."

The negative reply which is always delivered with a pang to this heart-breaking inquiry, that comes in fifty times a day, is that the Sun regrets it cannot individualize. But it can and does send smokes to all the soldiers abroad without discrimination, and every man who could have a "drag" after a hard day's work will come, probably often, get a share of the tobacco from the Sun Tobacco Fund.

Things to do then is to send to this fund the money which will be devoted to the purchase of tobacco. Whether it is much or little it will buy smokes at a special reduced price, which is the sure way to get a "drag" for the soldier "simply sick for a smoke" will eventually receive some.

Smokers, like other patriots, are generous in their cash contributions, but they are not neglectful of the fund boxes in the United and Schulte cigar stores. They accept the coupons and certificates which come with their purchases, then carefully place them in the deposit boxes. It's an excellent habit, and one which all the soldiers indorse heartily, for all the certificates and coupons mean more smokes for the fellows over there.

How the Fund Stands To-day.

THE SUN AND THE EVENING SUN \$400.00
United Cigar Stores boxes, including special 5¢ of gross sales day 52,127.50
Otherwise acknowledged 200,480.42
New contributions 72.00

Total \$262,679.92
Shipped and paid for \$22,421.15
Cash balance 12,233.85
Received through the Schulte Cigar Stores 25,582.00

Grand total \$291,070.72
New contributions are:
Adolph Hirsch, New York \$5.00
Wigwag Girls 2.50
M. Connolly, Rochelle Park, New York 5.00
Evelyn K. Rock, Bridgeport, Conn. 1.00
Hamilton B. Griffin, Stamford, N. Y. 1.00
G. W. Goodman, 23 Clinton street, Brooklyn 1.00
Charles S. Baldwin, Westville, N. Y. 1.00

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DRYS IN QUANDARY, POSTPONE ACTION

Senators Wait in Vain for Letter Explaining the President's Stand.

HUGE TAX IS INVOLVED

Country Must Pay \$700,000,000 if Liquor Is Not Taken From Warehouses.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The Senate Committee on Agriculture, which was to have considered to-day proposals for making America bone dry for the period of the war, deferred action until to-morrow, to the great relief of the moderate prohibitionists. The latter are casting about for almost any excuse to be relieved of voting for the Jones amendment by reason of the dubious constitutionality of many of its provisions, or for the Randall amendment, now certain to be eliminated from the emergency bill.

The radical prohibitionists of the committee are now as ready to vote for any measure which will in any way decrease the opportunities for the dissemination and consumption of alcoholic beverages. They generally insist that the fact that America is in the midst of a stupendous struggle, when the extreme limit of the energies of every citizen is needed for the defence of the State, justifies the application of the water power of a law forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages. They assume to think that the courts would sustain such a measure on the ground of war necessity. The conservatives and the wets see no such hope.

To-morrow the committee will begin its discussion. The members have confronting them now the same problem as that defined to them by the President through Mr. Hoover a week ago. If the bill is approved without forbidding withdrawal of spirits in bonded warehouses, the assertion of Mr. Hoover that America will become a whiskey consuming nation for the rest of the war is assured. Already they are convinced that some sort of a law must be devised which will stand the test of the law courts.

Prohibitionists of the Senate awaited in vain for some formal explanation from the White House of the President's attitude in regard to wartime prohibition. There is great diversity of opinion in the Congressional circle as to just what the President desires. Senator Sheppard (Texas) was looked for to a letter which it was understood the President would send telling him what to do. But Mr. Sheppard received no letter, although he waited late at the Capitol in the hope of its coming.

It is regarded as very unlikely that the Agriculture Committee will be able in the course of one day's session to dispose of the vexed question of wartime prohibition. No one is ready to hazard a guess as to the final form the legislation to be proposed will take. Still it is asserted with confidence that there will be a definition of purpose and a concrete proposition presented.

MRS. MACADAM GETS DIVORCE.

Canadian Minister's Niece Charged Infidelity.

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New York Board of Trade Opposes Taking Over of Waterway by U. S.

TRAFFIC ENDED BY RATES

Gerard Says Nation Cannot Compete After War if Sherman Law Stands.

The New York Board of Trade and Transportation adopted a committee report yesterday denouncing the method of taking over the State Barge Canal by the Government and declaring that "the State of New York is confronting a calamity unequalled in its history" by reason of the existing canal situation.

The board called for a conference representing all shippers in the State to consider steps to protect the interests of the people in the canal system.

The board recited that the Government has taken over the canal and that no independent barges will be permitted to carry freight for the public. The results of this action are far-reaching, and the independent lines and boatmen formerly engaged in transportation upon the canal have been driven out of business and some of their boats have been commandeered.

Moreover, all those who were contemplating the organization and operation of boat lines have been compelled to abandon their purpose.

The board said that the policy will deny to the people of the State all benefits from the system upon which they have spent \$154,600,000 since 1903.

"The business of the canal has disappeared," the canals have been confiscated," added the statement, "and a policy adopted which has put them entirely out of use."

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